

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SNG COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-28 WRU-00-38-3376
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued August 15, 2000)

On May 17, 2000, SNG Communications, LLC (SNG), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange service in Iowa. According to its application, SNG intends to provide service in the exchanges within the counties of Henry, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott currently served by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated. SNG will adopt the current maps, as well as any future changes to the maps, of Qwest and Iowa Telecom. Notice was provided to all affected local exchange carriers by SNG. No objections to the application were filed.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest."

The Board has carefully reviewed SNG's application and finds SNG has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to SNG.

SNG has stated that it will implement 2-PIC technology for both intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity.

SNG requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts, stating it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). SNG also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory, stating that it will enter into an agreement with the incumbent local exchange carrier to ensure that all of SNG's customers are listed in the incumbent's directories.

The Board finds it reasonable to grant SNG's requests for waivers. Based on the nature of the local exchange service SNG will provide, the Board finds that none of these requirements are appropriate at this time. The Board will be able to adequately review the records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless SNG serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by SNG Communications, LLC, on May 17, 2000, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.
2. At the time SNG files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by SNG the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing it to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The concurrence in the maps and service exchange boundaries of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation by SNG Communications, LLC, is approved.
4. SNG's requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2) and 22.3(1) are granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of August, 2000.